IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3-7 and 9-12 and add new claims 13 and 14

as follows:

1. (currently amended) A pronunciation judgment system

comprising:

a database for storing a plurality of reference pronunciation data <u>of a</u>

<u>sentence of the same language and</u> corresponding to a plurality of

pronunciation fluency levels <u>for the sentence</u> [, for the same language];

a user operative member for selecting one of same plurality of

pronunciation fluency levels;

reference voice playback means for outputting a reference voice

based on said reference pronunciation data <u>of the sentence and</u>

corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency level;

similarity determination means for comparing a user pronunciation

data input in correspondence to said reference voice and said reference

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pronunciation data corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency

level; and

 means for informing a user of a result of a determination made by

said similarity determination means.

 2. (canceled)

 3. (currently amended) The pronunciation judgment system

according to claim 1, wherein said reference voice playback means outputs

the reference voice based on said reference pronunciation data <u>of the</u>

<u>sentence and</u> corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency level

until [same] <u>said</u> similarity determination means detects agreement of both

data.

 4. (currently amended) The pronunciation judgment system

according to claim 1, wherein said database stores reference pronunciation

data <u>of a plurality of sentences of the same language and corresponding to</u>

[of] a plurality of pronunciation fluency levels for [each of a number of] <u>the</u>

sentences, and said reference voice playback means includes a <u>second</u> user operative member for selecting [a sentence] <u>one of the sentences</u> [and a pronunciation fluency level] and outputs the reference voice based on said reference pronunciation data <u>of the selected sentence and</u> corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency level, until said similarity determination means detects agreement of both data.

5. (currently amended) The pronunciation judgment system according to claim 1, further comprising means for displaying [a] <u>the</u> sentence corresponding to the reference pronunciation data.

6. (currently amended) The pronunciation judgment system according to claim [1] <u>5</u>, wherein said informing means <u>comprises means</u> <u>for displaying an agreement indicator indicating that the similarity</u> <u>determination means detects</u> [informs of] the agreement of both data.

7. (currently amended) A computer readable recording medium for storing a program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

reading out reference voice data from a database consisting of a plurality of reference pronunciation data <u>of a sentence of the same language</u> <u>and</u> corresponding to a plurality of pronunciation fluency levels <u>for the</u> <u>sentence</u> [, for the same language];

outputting a user operative member for selecting one of [a] <u>said</u> <u>plurality of</u> pronunciation fluency levels;

playing back a reference voice based on [the] <u>said</u> read out reference voice <u>pronunciation</u> data <u>of the sentence and</u> corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency level;

determining a similarity by comparing user pronunciation data input in correspondence to said reference voice and said reference voice data corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency level; and

informing a user of a result of determination made by said similarity determination means.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said reference voice playback step outputs a user selected level reference voice based on said reference pronunciation data of the sentence and corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency level, until said similarity determination step detects agreement of both data.

10. (currently amended) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said database stores reference pronunciation data of a plurality of sentences of the same language and corresponding to [of] a plurality of [all] pronunciation fluency levels for [each of a number of] the sentences, and said reference voice playback step includes a second user operative member for selecting one of the sentences, and said reference voice playback step outputs a user selected reference voice of a user selected sentence and pronunciation fluency level of the selected sentence based on said reference pronunciation data and corresponding to the selected pronunciation fluency levels until said similarity determination step detects

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agreement of both data.

11. (currently amended) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said program causes a computer to execute also a step for displaying [a] the sentence corresponding to the reference pronunciation data.

12. (currently amended) The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said informing step comprises a step involving the display of an agreement indicator indicating that the similarity determination means detects the [informs of] agreement of both data.

13. (new) The pronunciation judgment system according to claim 4, further comprising means for displaying some sentences and a selection indicator adjacent to the selected sentence and wherein said informing means comprises means for displaying an agreement indicator indicating that the similarity determination means detects the agreement of both data.

14. (new) The recording medium according to claim 7, further

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causing the computer to execute the step of displaying some sentences and

a selection indicator adjacent to the selected sentence and wherein said

informing step displays an agreement indicator indicating that the

similarity determination steps detect the agreement of both data.